

LAKEVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT



2019 ANNUAL REPORT

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Fire Education and Prevention has been a mission for the Lakeville Fire Department since the early days and we continue that mission each and every day.



MISSION STATEMENT

“The Lakeville Fire Department is dedicated to serving the community through the protection of lives and property by providing public safety education and professional emergency response.”



CHARTER MEMBERS

Lakeville Volunteer Fire Department

The following is a list of Charter Members of the Lakeville Volunteer Fire Department, which was incorporated on the 8th day of October 1943 and filed with the State of Minnesota on the 11th day of October 1943.

***Russell Ancel
Leo Aronson
Al Cherry
Walter Christensen
John Enggren
Dr. J. J. Galman
Palmer Hammer
Arthur Heinz
Francis Mahowald
John J. Matzoll
Michael Pepera
George Ring
Henry Royce
Edmond Sauser
Julius Sauser
Arthur Storlie
Sidney Storlie
Marlin Storlie
John Wagner
Francis Weber
Adon Zimmer
Wilbert Zimmer***



20+ YEARS RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS

Year Retired	Name	Years Served	Year Retired	Name	Years Served
1963	Julius Sauser	20	1997	Archie Clarkson	21
1963	Earl Hobbs	21	1997	Ronald Kelley	20
1963	Victor Lorentson	22	1998	Bill Olson	22
1963	Edmond Sauser	22	1998	Fred Johnston	22
1963	John Wagner	23	1998	Keith Kuehn	23
1963	George Ring	24	1999	Roger Radunz	23
1964	Francis Weber	25	2000	Bob Mahowald	28
1966	Arthur Heinz	27	2000	Barry Christensen	27
1966	Adon Zimmer	27	2000	John Graff	21
1966	Wilbert Zimmer	27	2000	Don Sandey	21
1967	Sidney Storlie	28	2000	Edward Ancel	22
1967	Richard Frank	23	2001	Greg Sirek	20
1967	Alvin Johnson	28	2001	Roy Bressler	20
1972	Leo Aronson	30	2001	Maynard Anderson	15*
1972	Nicholas Mahowald	30	2003	Danny Barth	22
1973	John Wallin	13*	2005	Allen Braun	20
1974	Roy Kuehn	23	2005	Jeffrey Reyer	20
1975	Francis Mahowald	36	2006	Jim Kill	25
1977	Marlin Storlie	24	2007	Gerry Grenz	30
1978	James Hullett	28	2007	Del Goetze	20
1979	Glen Langord	20	2007	Warren Pannkuk	20
1980	Earl Gephart	34	2009	Tom Lawrence	21
1980	Nicholas Mahowald	20	2009	Doug Nelson	20
1980	Wayne Kelly	16*	2009	Kevin Perry	20
1980	Kris Austad	30	2009	Dan Roberts	20
1981	Richard Krause	30	2010	Jim Qualley	20
1981	James McNearney	22	2011	Mark Jereczek	20
1982	Fredrick Taft	20	2011	Brian Carstensen	20
1983	LeRoy Kehrer	36	2012	John Podominick	20
1984	Joseph Marek	20	2012	John Krause	21
1984	Patrick Donnelly	20	2012	Lynette Ancel	22
1985	Richard Kehrer	30	2012	Phil Leibfried	21
1987	Harlan Hall	21	2013	Ed Pung	18*
1987	George Marek	21	2014	Dean Pearl	27
1987	Kenneth Larson	21	2014	Mitch Scrabeck	21
1988	James Siegle	10*	2014	Kevin Gustafson	21
1991	Brad Johnson	25	2015	Brad Ancel	20
1992	Jim Emond	26	2015	Jeff Anderson	25
1994	Joseph Hoffbeck	20	2016	Kevin Needham	21
1994	William Hoffbeck	23	2018	Scot Drotning	21
1995	David Oster	20	2018	Mark Kartak	23
1996	Robert Ancel	12*	2019	Scott Bakos	20
1997	Richard Thienes	20			

* Medical Retirement



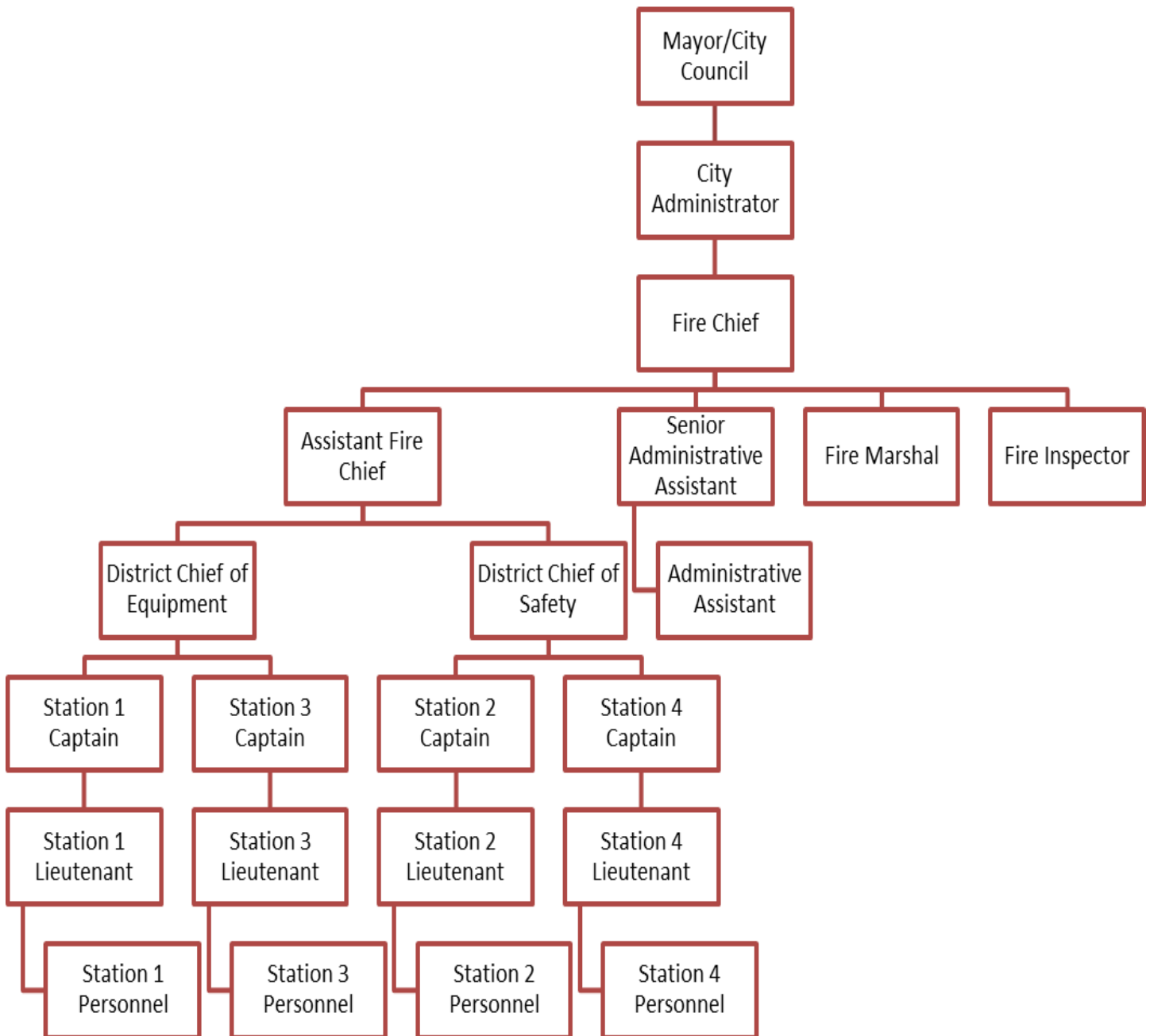
RETIRED FIREFIGHTER

Firefighter Scott Bakos retired on June 30, 2019 with 20 years of service to the Lakeville Fire Department and this community. Scott joined the department in 1999 where he served as a Firefighter, Engineer, Lieutenant and Captain at Station 1.



THANK YOU for your service and dedication to our department and the Lakeville community.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



ADMINISTRATION

From Chief Meyer



In 2019 Lakeville Fire had two major changes in the department. First was that we moved to an hourly wage and second, we started the year off with a major change to our Records Management System (RMS).

Moving our team to a pay per hour is a huge effort administratively and operationally. In previous years, firefighters were paid a flat rate for all incidents and training, it did not matter the amount of time spent at an incident or training. Moving to an hourly rate required developing an hourly rate that is based on years of service with the department. The change within the department has been positive.

The second major change that occurred in 2019 was an upgrade to our Records Management System (RMS). The application we use is Image Trend which is used for all incident reporting, fire inspections, building and occupant information and payroll. So you can imagine when we converted to an hourly rate, as well as an upgrade to our RMS system, it presented some challenges. We began planning for the changeover in the summer of 2018 due to the amount of data that had to be moved. The changes have been good and the RMS system is more mobile friendly.

Public Safety Education is always a focus of our department. Our firefighters completed 2,368 hours in public events that included: Fire Extinguisher Training, National Night Out, Hands Only CPR Training, Safety Camps and hosting station tours that range from Boy Scout and Girl Scout groups, daycares, and other organizations. We want to be out in the community providing education on being safety conscious.

Emergency responses, department training, fire prevention and education, and public events keep us busy throughout the year. We constantly look for new ways to be involved in the community and spread our safety messages. The growth of our city continues to challenge our team in providing a predictable and reliable response to incidents and events. The fire service is an ever-changing environment to explore new methods of training and technologies to better serve our community, utilize our firefighter's time and improve our department.



Our 2019 Annual Report is a reflection of the commitment to the community we serve. The information and statistics identify ways in which we challenge ourselves to continue to meet our mission and enhance our department.

The Lakeville Fire Department successes are due to the dedication of our team members, as well as the support of our community and its leaders. We cannot meet our mission or vision without this dedication and support.

ADMINISTRATION

From Assistant Chief Todd Sellner...



The LFD Training Division coordinates and delivers training for the Fire Department's personnel and maintains training records for every firefighter. The goal of the Training Division is to develop, coordinate and manage ongoing training that keeps firefighters safe, effective, knowledgeable, and protected. Training is scheduled bi-weekly covering a multitude of topics using various methods of instruction. Our training provides all Fire Department personnel opportunities to learn new skills and enhance existing skills through repetition and advanced drill design. Compliance with fire training standards is regulated by many organizations including the Minnesota Fire Service Certification Board, National Fire Protection Association, Insurance Services Organization and the OSHA.

During the Winter of 2019 the A-L-F Fire Academy (Apple Valley, Lakeville, Farmington) completed Emergency Medical Responder, Firefighter I & II, Emergency Vehicle Operations and Hazardous Material Operations for the 2019 firefighter class. Each firefighter is required to complete the 30-week academy which consists of more than 300 hours of training to accomplish the certifications previously listed. The class of 2019 had 8 firefighters complete the training. The 3-city academy continues to prove its worth by certifying 100% of the recruits.



- ◆ Our firefighters continue to train over 8,000 hours per year plus work hundreds of hours to teach fire prevention and public education.
- ◆ Our duty crew continues to provide a predictable and professional response to the citizens of Lakeville Monday - Friday. 90% of the shifts were filled on a voluntary basis.
- ◆ Using Target Solutions, our online training resource, we continue to improve record keeping of training hours, subject material and certification tracking.
- ◆ Continuous focus is placed on officer training with professional development. The Dakota County Training Chiefs meet on a regular basis to discuss and share training opportunities and training props throughout the county.
- ◆ Our training consists of all facets of the ever-expanding areas of responsibility to ensure the safety of all citizens and visitors to Lakeville. Structure fires, hazardous materials, vehicle accidents, rescue swimmer, ice rescue and medical emergencies are some of the subjects trained.
- ◆ Our medical training and certifications have continued to grow, we now have more than 30% of our firefighters EMT certified.
- ◆ The Fire Department continues to expand the training for our special response teams; drone pilots and rescue swimmer.
- ◆ The department continues to support the Dakota County Special Operations Team with 2 firefighters as members of the team.

FIRE PREVENTION STAFF

From Fire Marshal Brian Carstensen and Fire Inspector Jay O'Connell



The Lakeville fire prevention staff is charged with the duty and responsibility of enforcing the fire codes. Staff conducts fire inspections in commercial buildings for city and state licenses, certificate of occupancy permits, general fire safety inspections, and acceptance testing of fire protection and alarm systems. Other duties include handling citizen complaints against properties, plan review for compliance with all applicable codes and standards, handling all open burning permit requests as well as all pyro-



technic permits.

As a large portion of our time is spent preventing fires, we also have the duties and responsibilities of investigating all structure fires, incendiary fires, and fires resulting in injury and/or death. We are far too often reminded that our diligence in fire prevention must remain at the forefront of our duties.

Our staff provides fire safety education to groups throughout the community in a variety of ways. On September 16th, the Fire Department started visiting elementary school classrooms and daycares and we completed 40 presentations by the second week of October. Some firefighters took time out of their personal schedules to help with the fire safety school activities. This year the fire department trained around 900 sixth graders from three public and two private middle schools in the effective use of fire extinguishers. The students used a hands-on fire extinguishing training system during science class which gave them real-life situations on "How" and "When" to use an extinguisher. Middle-schoolers are a good age to teach this life-long skill, as they are becoming more independent to cook their own meals. Senior citizens also attended presentations about fire safety at churches and senior living facilities.

Our recommendation is that each residence should have working smoke alarms that are tested monthly and are less than ten years old. Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms should be placed within ten feet of the sleeping area, tested monthly, and should be replaced every five years.

During Minnesota's Fire Prevention Month in October, the fire department schedules activities throughout the month to educate the community about fire safety and fire prevention. The national theme for 2019 was "Not Every Hero wears a cape. PLAN and PRACTICE Your ESCAPE". The fire department held many activities for students at the city's 13 elementary schools. These fire-safety and prevention activities included the annual poster contest for fourth graders. We talked to over 1,000 fourth grade students and presented the fire prevention poster contest rules. During the contest, one winner was selected from each elementary school to receive a trophy and become one of the city-wide finalists. From those finalists, Jocelyn Miller from East Lake Elementary designed the winning Lakeville fire prevention poster. Her entry will now go on to compete with other fourth grade entries from the State of Minnesota. The city winner from 2018, Paige Distel, also received Third Place in the MN State Fire Chief magazine June 2019 edition from the statewide poster contest.



"2019 4th Grade Citywide Poster Winner"

STATION 1

***Station 1 is assigned 23 firefighters
and responded to 368 calls in 2019***



District Chief Taber Akin

Captain Derrick Gaborski

Lieutenant Todd McNamara

Steve Amoapim

Aaron Berg

Joe Bolstad

Aaron Eicher - Rookie

Nels Fredrickson

Derek Isham

Mike Jetson - Rookie

Jay Kooser - Engineer

Stu MacDonald

Paul Mayrand - Engineer

Skyler McCoy

Chris Mogen

Steven Moses - Rookie

Britt Nelson - Rookie

Tom Ness

Joe Pannkuk

Sergio Rodriguez

Todd Ruhland

Reid Schulz

Joel Small

Nate Teppo - Rookie

STATION 2

***Station 2 is assigned 23 firefighters
and responded to 269 calls in 2019***



District Chief Steve Glinski

Captain Paul Miskimen

Lieutenant Eric Skare

Kyle Anderson

Randy Bachman

Walter Branz - Engineer

Steve Eilers

Brent Fischer - Rookie

Ryan Gephart

Adam Harklerode

Steve Higgins

Joe Huettl

Rod Koch

Josh Larson

Gabe Martinez

Dustin Nord - Rookie

Daniel Quam - Rookie

Laura Ray - Rookie

Bob Rinkenberger

Aaron Rutz - Engineer

Dan Schreffler

Darrek Stepaniak - Rookie

Jay Seiler

John Tonsager

STATION 3

***Station 3 is assigned 21 firefighters
and responded to 262 calls in 2019***



District Chief Taber Akin

Captain Steve Staupe

Lieutenant Zach Weise

Ken Ackerman

Skylar Hanson

Todd Monson

Mike Cole - Rookie

Mark Hermanson

Jon Pollock

Dominic DeLisi

Mike Jones

Ben Rinke

Tabatha Fluhrer

Chris Lewis

Josh Ruppert

Jim Griffin

Dan Loew

Tim Schwab - Engineer

Tim Grubbs - Engineer

Dan Lopez

Eric Smoot - Rookie

Cam Washington - Rookie

STATION 4

***Station 4 is assigned 21 firefighters
and responded to 145 calls in 2019***



District Chief Steve Glinski

Captain Chris Hornyak

Lieutenant Brian Jacobson

Jeff Brown

Marc Fluhrer - Rookie

Melissa Lewis

John Clancy

John Garner

Steve Meyer

Zach Duckworth

Collin Hagen

Jon Muma

Eric Eckman

Jason Haugen

Jesse Nergard

Paul Ehlen - Engineer

Dan Hrdlicka

Andy Schirmer

Kris Fletcher

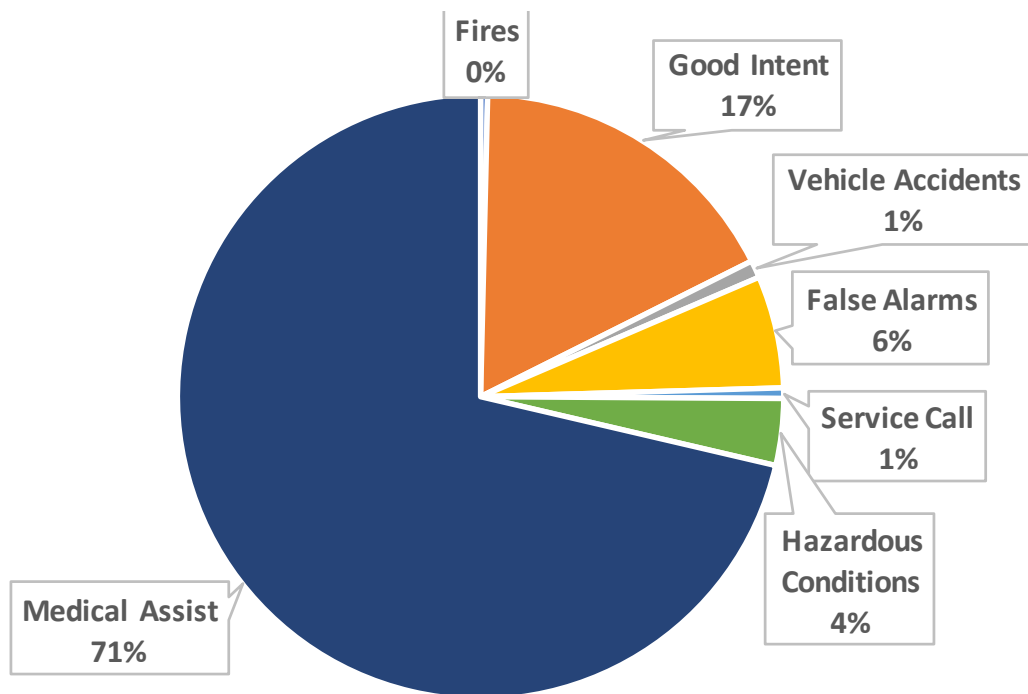
Kyle Johnston

Jeff Schroepfer

Greg Stommes - Engineer

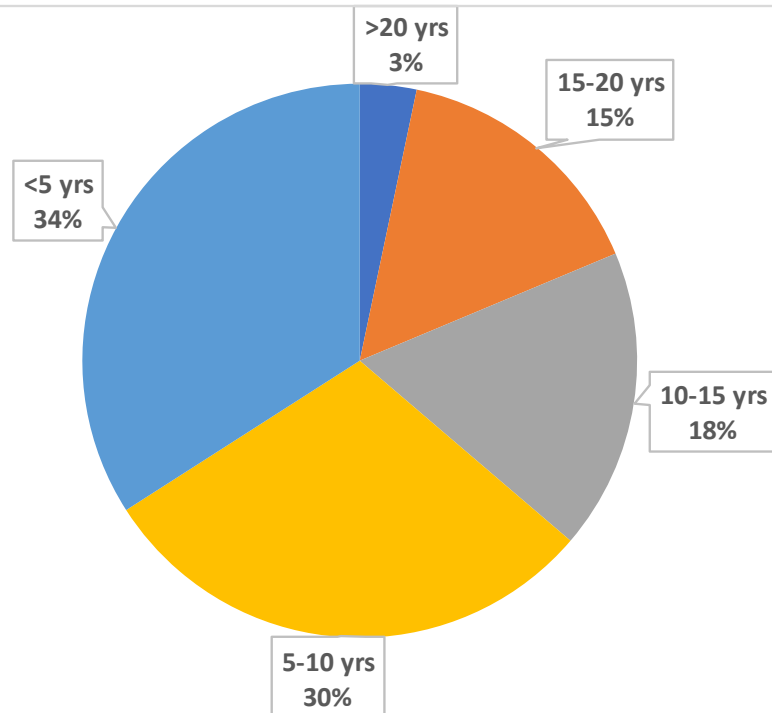
DUTY CREW

On October 1, 2015 LFD started a Duty Crew Program. The crew is made up of a 2-person team and its purpose is to assist with the daytime response. There are 2 shifts: 9:00am—1:00 pm and 1:00pm—5:00pm Monday-Friday. At the start of the shift, the crew checks in at one of the stations to pick up the brush truck to use for service that day. Priority is responding to all pages during those time periods. However, when time allows between calls, some of the tasks they perform are truck checks, pre-plans, LP tank checks, assisting with fire prevention visits and other projects as assigned. The shifts are filled over 95% of the time. The program has been very successful in assisting with our daytime response. The majority of the calls are medicals. The duty crew responded to 534 calls in 2019.



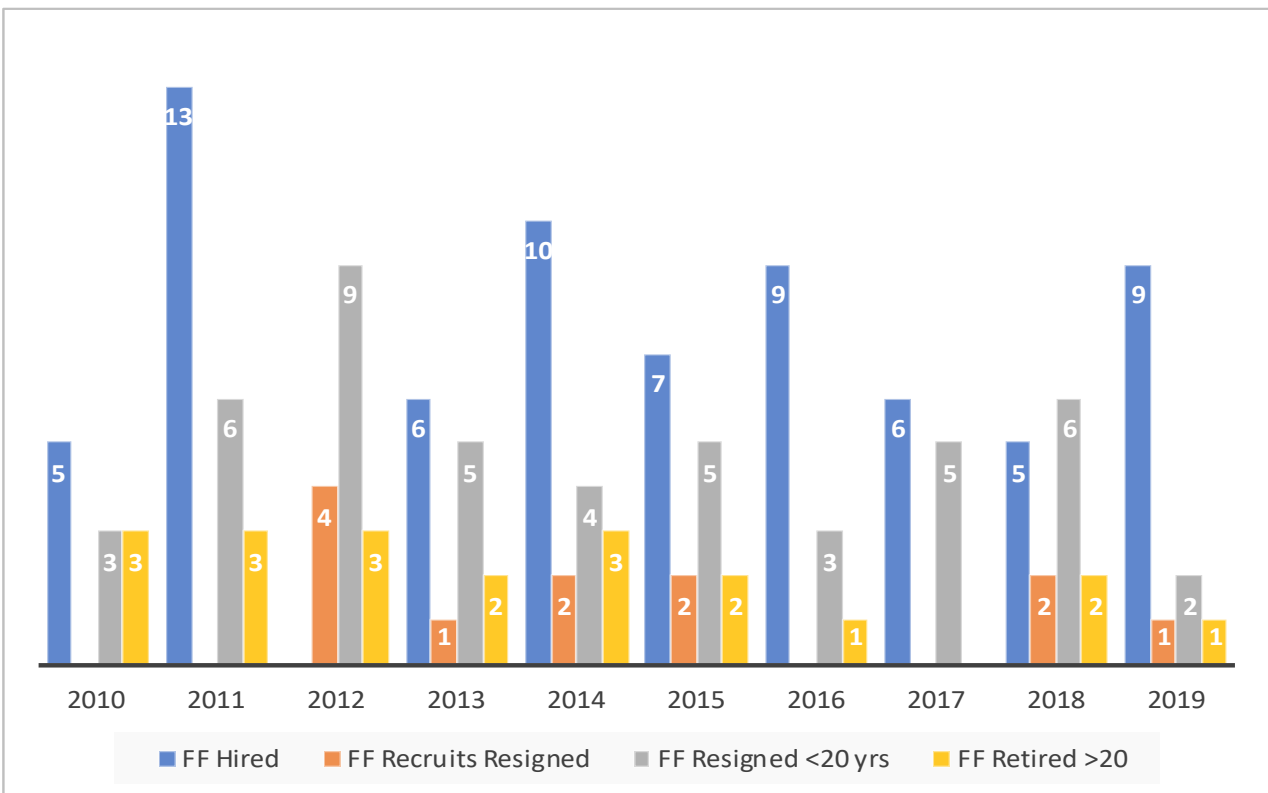
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2019 Active Members by Years of Service



Currently have 83 firefighters (81 males/2 females), 2 married LFD couples and 13 firefighters in Rookie status

Recruitment & Retention 2010-2019



2019 ROOKIES

The Lakeville Fire Department hired 9 new firefighters in 2019. This group of rookies help bring the department closer to our maximum staffing level. The new firefighters were hired in August and they immediately started their department orientation. Since then they have completed their Emergency Medical Responder (E.M.R.) training and have also started Firefighter 1 and 2 training. New firefighters are required, in their two-year probation period, to complete training for Firefighter II, HazMat Operations, and Emergency Medical Responder.

Probationary Firefighters:



Britt Nelson-FS 1



Brent Fischer-FS 2



Dustin Nord-FS 2



Darrek Stepaniak-FS 2



Dan Quam-FS 2



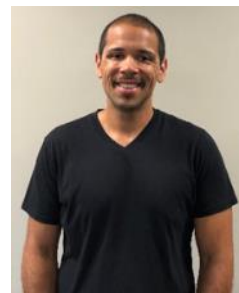
Laura Ray-FS 2



Mike Cole-FS 3



Eric Smoot-FS 3



Cam Washington-FS 3

PUBLIC SAFETY EVENTS

It is part of our Mission Statement to provide public safety education to the Lakeville residents and businesses. The best way to accomplish that goal is to be out in the community. Fire prevention is a critical part of our mission. Lakeville firefighters get the message out to reduce fires and other emergencies in a wide variety of ways. As firefighters and a department, we pride ourselves on being able to help spread that message. How do we spread our fire prevention message?

- ◆ Schools and Businesses
- ◆ Station Tours
- ◆ Safety Camps
- ◆ National Night Out
- ◆ Dakota County Fair Fire Prevention Day
- ◆ Fire Station Open House



Station Tours

We have requests for station tours throughout the year. Lakeville has four fire stations and residents/groups may request a tour at any of the four locations. Requested tours come from day cares, schools, boy and girl scout troops and families wanting to know more about the Lakeville fire department.

Firefighters discuss general fire safety basics including; checking smoke alarms, changing smoke alarm batteries, and creating an escape plan. The children's favorite part is sitting in the trucks and learning about the tools.

The firefighters are always willing to give their time for these important opportunities to spread the word about fire prevention and safety.

In 2019 firefighters conducted 47 station tours/fire prevention visits.

PUBLIC SAFETY EVENTS

Safety Camps— July & August

Lakeville Fire demonstrates the smoke trailer, provides safety talks and gives truck tours to elementary children enrolled in the Park and Rec safety summer class.



Minnesota National Night Out—August

National Night Out is a chance for neighbors to get together, meet each other and members of the community who may not live next door, but are always nearby and ready to assist.

National Night Out finds all four of Lakeville's fire stations empty while all of the fire apparatus are out visiting the neighborhoods.

Firefighters open the trucks, explain the equipment, provide reminders about fire safety, turn down offers to spray the crowd and then pack up, turn on the lights and sirens and head off to the next neighborhood.

Lakeville firefighters were very busy visiting 40 parties and always look forward to the next year.

Dakota County Fair Fire Prevention Day—August

Lakeville Fire and all the fire departments in Dakota County come together to talk fire prevention to the fairgoers that stop by. Visitors will see a kitchen fire and sprinkler fire demonstration. This event is organized by the Dakota County Fire Educator group.

Fire Prevention Open House—October

Our Annual Fire Prevention Open House is scheduled the 2nd Tuesday in October during National Fire Prevention Week. The Fire Prevention Open House allows residents to visit fire station four located near the center of the city and learn how to be safe in their homes.

Residents watch firefighters extinguish a simulated car fire using a new training tool for fire departments in Dakota County. Children were encouraged to practice a fire drill in a fire safety trailer and to see how they would react when they open their eyes to find a bedroom filled with smoke. While parents were waiting for their children to escape out the window and down the ladder, firefighters advised them to select a meeting place at a neighbors' house. This allows firefighters to be notified that everyone escaped from the house safely. Citizens had the chance to use a fire extinguisher in a safe environment, so they would be ready during a real emergency.



FIRE DEPARTMENT EVENTS

Parades

Participation in local parades is a good way for us to get out in the community. Lakeville firefighters are eager to get a fire engine on the road, show it off to neighboring communities and interact with the residents.

In 2019, Lakeville firefighters participated in area parades including: Farmington Dew Days, Apple Valley Freedom Days, and the Burnsville Fire Muster.

We also enjoy participating in the fun annual events happening in our community such as Pan-O-Prog.



Pan-O-Prog

For the citizens of Lakeville, Pan-O-Prog is a great time to celebrate our community. Lakeville firefighters are an integral part of this participation and do a lot of behind the scenes work to make the event a success.

Firefighters participate in July Fourth fireworks, Cruise Night and the Pan-O-Prog parade, but the most well known activity is the Belgian Waffle Breakfast.

For 15 years, the Lakeville Fire Department Relief Association has hosted the Waffle Breakfast during Pan-O-Prog with assistance from Dad's Waffles. Together we produce an all-you-can-eat breakfast for the department's only fundraiser. This breakfast features Belgian waffles with an endless supply of toppings, hot sausages, juice and coffee.

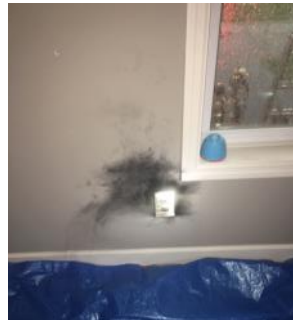
The money raised by the Lakeville Fire Department Relief Association is used to support the firefighters and the community.

The Lakeville firefighters thank you for your continued support!

EMERGENCY RESPONSE—INCIDENTS

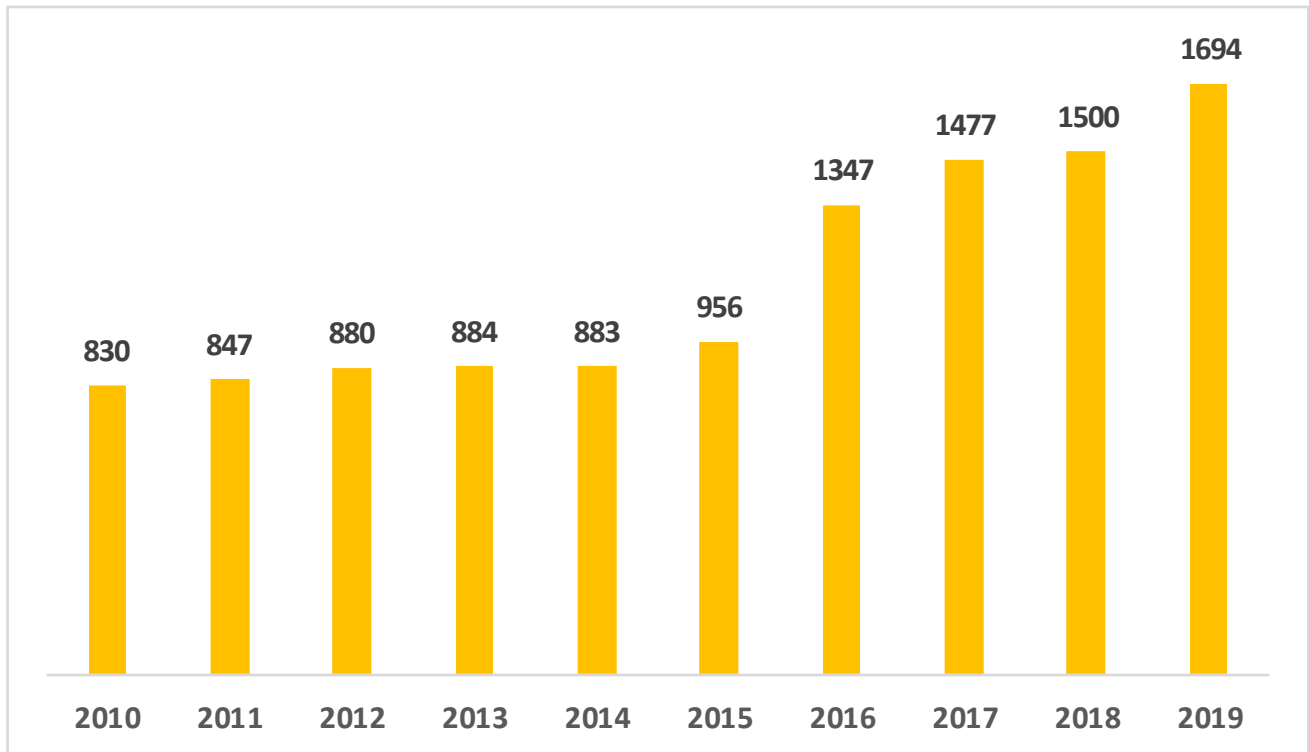
The second part of our Mission Statement to provide professional emergency response. Our primary service area includes the City of Lakeville (38 square miles) and contracted service coverage of the western half of Eureka Township (13 square miles.) In addition to providing fire protection, members of the department also respond to a variety of other types of calls including accidents, medicals and alarms.

Lakeville Fire also responds to mutual aid requests from the surrounding communities in Dakota and Scott Counties. In 2019 the Fire Department responded to 1,694 calls.

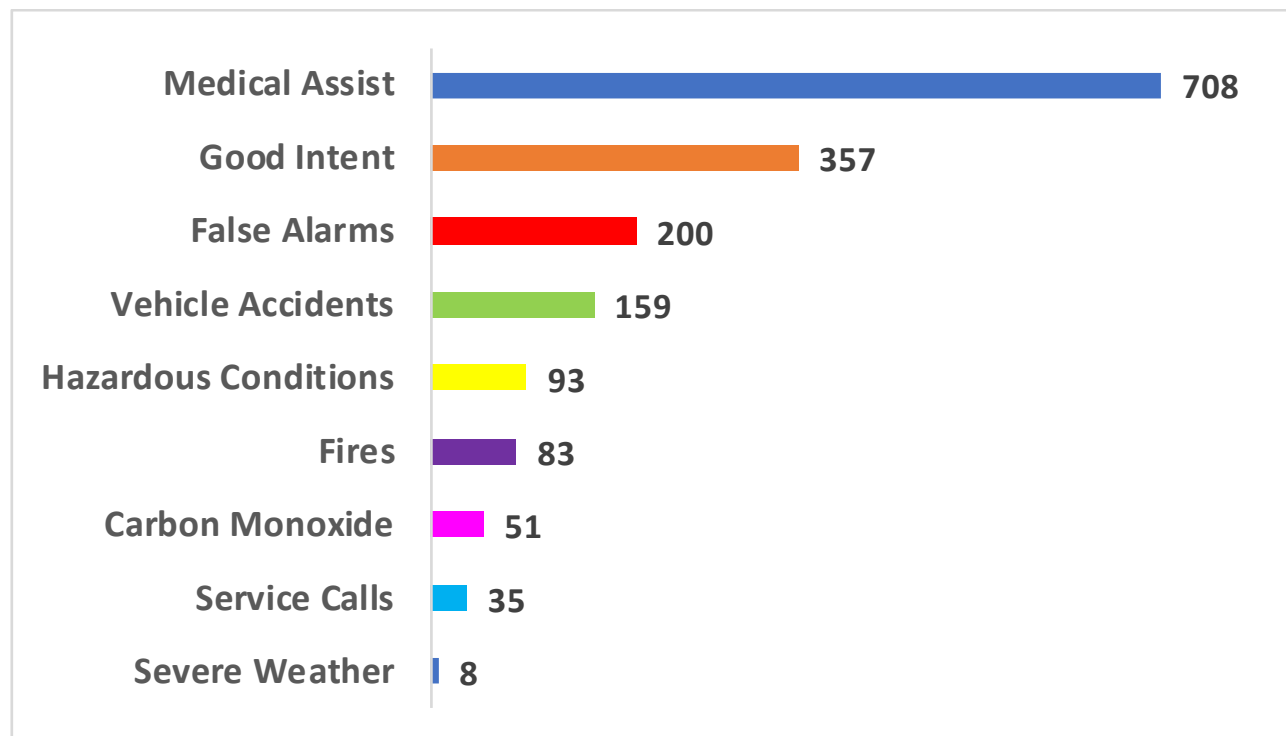


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Ten-Year Comparison of Total Incidents

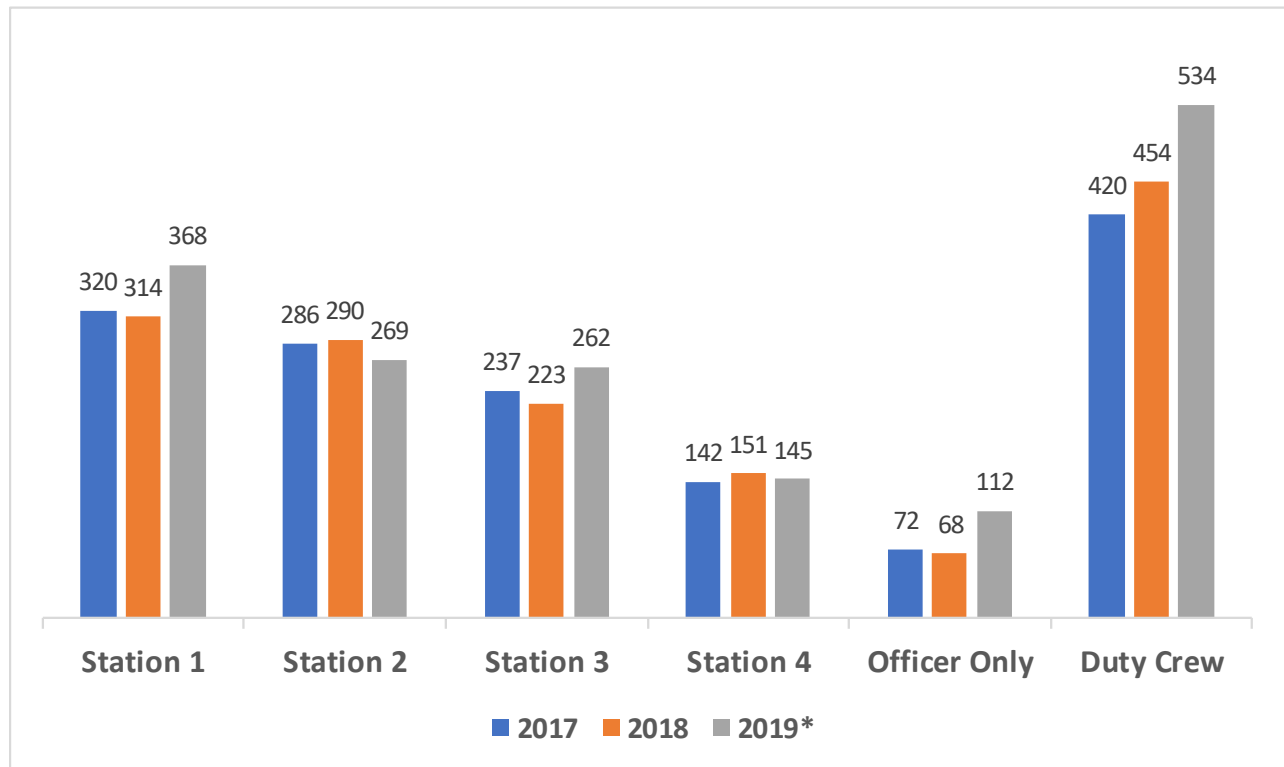


2019 Incidents by Type—1694 Incidents



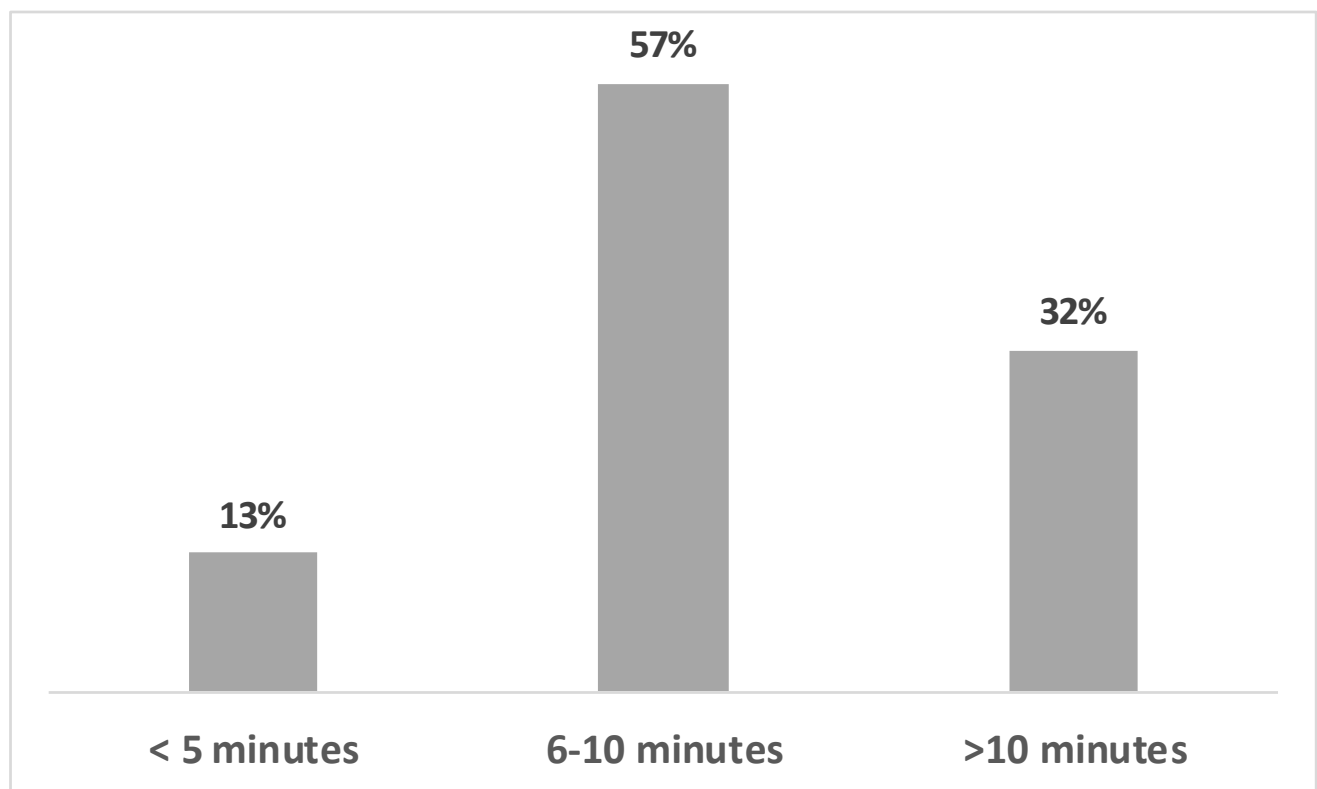
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Three-Year Comparison of Incident Counts by Station



*There were also 4 SOT calls in 2019.

YTD Response Times (includes non-emergency)



APPARATUS

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>MAKE</u>	<u>USE</u>
<u>Chief Officers</u>		
Lakeville Chief 1	2018 Ford Explorer	Chief's Vehicle
Lakeville Chief 2	2018 Ford Explorer	Assistant Chief's Vehicle
Lakeville Chief 3	2013 Ford Explorer	District Chief's Vehicle
Lakeville Chief 4	2017 Ford Explorer	District Chief's Vehicle
<u>Fire Prevention</u>		
Lakeville Fire Marshal 1	2018 Ford Explorer	Fire Marshal's Vehicle
Lakeville Inspector 1	2018 Ford Explorer	Fire Inspector's Vehicle
<u>Station 1</u>		
Lakeville Engine 1	2016 Rosenbauer	1500 GPM Pumper / Rescue
Lakeville Brush 1	2013 Chevy Silverado	Grass Rig
Lakeville Tender 1	2010 Freightliner	3000 Gallon Tender
Lakeville Ladder 1	2007 American LaFrance	100' Ladder / Platform
<u>Station 2</u>		
Lakeville Engine 2	2016 Rosenbauer	1250 GPM Pumper / Rescue
Lakeville Engine 22	2004 Spartan	1500 GPM Pumper / Rescue
Lakeville Brush 2	2006 Chevrolet 4x4	Brush Truck
<u>Station 3</u>		
Lakeville Engine 3	2000 Peterbilt / Custom	1750 GPM Pumper
Lakeville Brush 3	2015 Chevrolet 4x4	Brush Truck
Lakeville Rescue 3	2001 International / Custom	Heavy Rescue
<u>Station 4</u>		
Lakeville Ladder 4	2014 Rosenbauer	78' Viper / 2000 GPM
Lakeville Engine 44	2003 Peterbilt / Custom	1500 GPM Pumper
Lakeville Utility 4	2003 GMC 3/4 Ton Pick-Up	Personnel Vehicle
Lakeville UTV 4	2008 Kubota 4x4	Off-Road Brush Vehicle
Lakeville Boat 4	2007 Mercury Inflatable	Rescue Boat



ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

The fire department's 2018 Annual Awards Banquet was held on April 6, 2019 at Brackett's Crossing Country Club. Once a year, the firefighters and their spouses/significant others are granted an evening to thank them for all their time and dedication to our community and department.

Awards were given to 10 firefighters for 10 years of service. Jay Kooser was awarded *2018 Firefighter of the Year* and Reid Schulz was awarded *2018 Rookie of the Year*. Firefighters Scot Drotning and Mark Kartak were recognized for their retirement in 2018.

Reid Schulz

Rookie of the Year



Jay Kooser

Firefighter of the Year



LFD Retirees and Spouses



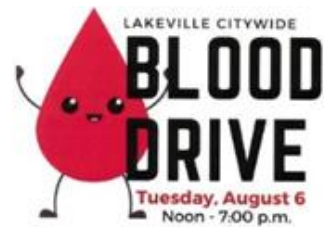
A TEAM THAT SERVES

When Lakeville firefighters are not answering pages or out spreading our fire prevention message, they are attending other important events in our community. Some of the events LFD members attend are: HopeKids Event, LFD/Rotary Blood Drive, Home Expo, Shop with a Hero and bell ringing for the Salvation Army during the holiday season.

A special thanks to the Lakeville Public Safety Foundation (LPSF), our firefighters and our community for supporting us.



Vietnam Wall Escort



Blood Drive—Aug

Two Locations

Fire Station #4 Heritage Center
94656 185th St W 20110 Holyoke

All presenting donors* will be entered into a **prize drawing!**
Held at the end of the blood drive.



Trick or Treat @ FS2

Rang Bells for Salvation Army—Dec



Shop with a Hero—Dec

